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**In the PATENT APPLICATION of:**

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For: DEVICE FOR THE ANALYSIS OR  
ABSORPTION MEASUREMENT OF A SMALL  
QUANTITY OF A LIQUID MEDIUM BY MEANS OF  
LIGHT

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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY**

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Sir:

Enclosed is the International Preliminary Report on Patentability related to  
the above-identified 35 U.S.C. §371 National Phase Application based on  
PCT/EP2005/004083.

Prompt examination of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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